Total Traffic at Ports in Gujarat

337. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total traffic at various Ports in Gujarat during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) what is the total traffic revenue earned annually by the Central Government from these ports; and

(c) what are the schemes proposed to be undertaken by Government to improve these ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Kandla Port is the only Major Port in Gujarat which is under the administrative control of the Central Government. The total traffic handled by this Port and the operating income which accrued to this Port during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as under:—

Year	Total Traffic (Million Tonnes)	Operating Income (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	22.91	86.91
1993-94	24.50	101.75
1994-95	26.50	117.47

(c) During the 8th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 226 crores has been allocated for development of Kandala Port. The following important schemes for this Port have been proposed to be undertaken during this Plan:—

1. Additional Cargo Berth.
2. Multipurpose Berth and Development of Infrastructure Facilities at Vadinar.
3. Procurement of Wharf Cranes (4 Nos.) in replacement of existing Wharf Crane.
4. Screw Mounted Tug of 30 Tone B.P. propelled by SRP Units.
5. Additional Facilities for Handling Crude Oil at Vadinar.
6. Upgradation of Hydraulic Survey Equipment etc.
7. Development of Container handling Facilities.
8. Contraction of Oil Jetty No. 4 at Kandla.
9. Distribution of Electric Power to Port Installation from 66/11 KV Electric Sub-Station through Underground Feeders.
10. Modification/Replacement of dredger "Kutch Vallabh"

Proposal to Implement Long Term Policy on Food Processing Industries

338. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to implement a long term policy on Food Processing Industry;

(b) if so, whether any such policy has been drafted and proposed to be introduced in the near future;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to implement such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) The Food Processing Industry is being developed within the broad para-meters of the Industrial Policy of the Government. A framework for developing the new Policy measures to address various issues for accelerated development of Food Processing Industries has been prepared which was discussed with the State Government representatives. Action has also been initiated to prepare a long term perspective plan.